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- 1. US/ARGENTINE NUCLEAR RELATIONS ARE AT A VERY SENSITIVE JUNCTURE. THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS INVOLVED: THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, JUST OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE GOA, THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT ARGENTINA WILL WAIVE TLATELOLCO INTO FORCE AND ACCEPT FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS DURING THE NEXT YEAR; THE PROPOSITION OF DEFERRAL OF REPROCESSING; AND US COOPERATION WITH ARGENTINA IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY UNDER A NEW RENEGOTIATED NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT. WE ARE PRESENTLY DISCUSSING A NUMBER OF THESE ISSUES WITH CNEA AND MFA.
- 2. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF OUR
 NUCLEAR AFFAIRS AT THIS TIME, AND FOR SOME TIME
 IN THE FUTURE, WE DO NOT FEEL A VISIT TO ARGENTINA OF
 THE SPECIALISTS FROM LIVERMORE LABORATORY WOULD BE
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APPROPRIATE. THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY SO FOR VISITS TO ARGENTINE NUCLEAR CENTERS. THESE ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED BY EMBASSY SCICOUNS IN WASHINGTON WITH INR AND MS. AMIRI OF LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY.

3. IF THE LIVERMORE TEAM WERE IN AGREEMENT TO VISIT ARGENTINA AND DISCUSS NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

MATTERS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL ONLY, THIS WOULD BE
FEASIBLE BUT NOT VERY PRACTICAL.
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